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1. [redacted] Security, called and asked if Senator Stuart Symington had ever been briefed on CHALICE. The question had been put to [redacted] by the Department of Defense whose records did not indicate that Symington had been formally briefed. I advised [redacted] that on a trip to Europe in 1959, Symington visited one of the bases and raised several indirect questions which concerned the project. While Symington's questions were not answered directly, and he was not briefed on the project, it is the consensus of opinion that he has acquired information on this area of activity from various sources over a period of time.

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2. [redacted] House Armed Services Committee called to say that Chairman Vinson has had a change of plans which will make it impossible for him to meet with the Agency for a briefing of the CIA Subcommittee on Monday, 22 July. The Chairman expressed his regret and indicated a briefing would be rescheduled as soon as possible perhaps on 29 July. This information was passed on to the Director and the staff was advised that Mr. McCone will be out of the city on the 1st of August for a period of time. The Subcommittee will contact us again to establish a date for the hearing.

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3. [redacted] Mr. Echols, [redacted] and [redacted] met with Mr. John Blandford, Counsel, House Committee on Armed Services, and provided a statement for the Chairman's use in opening the hearings on H.R. 7216. Various items relating to the bill were reviewed and discussed. It was concluded that it would be well if the Committee members were provided with copies of various items such as the Foreign Service Act that could be immediately available at their desks for use during the hearings.

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4. [redacted] Mr. Houston and [redacted] met with Representative Charles E. Bennett (D., Fla.) and discussed provisions of H.R. 7216. Mr. Bennett is rather interested in this bill and can be expected to be helpful in his comments and suggestions during the hearing.

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

